

REMARKS

Claims 1, 22, 44-58 and 60-64 have been amended. Claims 1-15, 17-37, 39-58 and 60-64 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

In the Decision on Appeal decided November 20, 2009, the Board affirmed the rejection of claims 1, 9-15, 17-22, 30-37, 39-44, 52-58 and 60-64. The Board reversed the rejection of claim 2-8, 23-29 and 45-51. Accordingly, Applicants assert that claims 2-8, 23-29 and 45-51 per the Board's reversal.

In regard to independent claims 1, 22 and 44, the Board stated that Wygodny discloses a bugtrapper agent 104 on the agent side and a traced user application and bugtrapper trace library on the client side. The Board did not dispute the fact that both the agent side and client side of Wygodny execute on the same computer (*see, e.g.,* Wygodny, col. 16, lines 17-25, and col. 5, lines 54-60). Instead, the Board based it's decision on the conclusion that "the scope of the disputed claim term 'external source' is broad because it does not identify a particular point of reference or specific entity that the source is 'external' to." Board Decision, p. 8. Applicants have amended the independent claims to overcome this issue. In particular, the independent claims now recite that the external source comprises a remote computer system external to the client computer system. The Board did not dispute the fact that the cited art does not teach a thread-safe remote control service which is executable on the client computer system to receive control requests from an external source to initiate and manage the debug services on the client computer system after initiation of the multi-threaded application, wherein the external source comprises a remote computer system external to the client computer system. Therefore, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-48500/RCK.

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